

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise)
of the Colorado River Water Conservation District)

Project No. 11880-000

FIFTH SEMI-ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION
FOR THE PROPOSED
RITSCHARD DAM UNIT WATER POWER PROJECT

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Preliminary Permit Application*

- (1) The Colorado River Water Conservation District, acting by and through the Colorado River Water Projects Enterprise, submits the following progress report as required under the Directors order of June 25, 2001, issuing the preliminary permit. This progress report is made in order that the applicant may secure and maintain priority for a license for the project under Part I of the Federal Power Act while obtaining the data and performing the acts required to determine the feasibility of the project and to support an application for a license. The report follows the requirements of Part 1 of the Federal Power Act and related regulations and Articles 1 through 4, set forth in standard form P-1.

- (2) The location of the proposed project is:

State or Territory:	Colorado
County:	Grand
Township or Nearby Town:	Kremmling
Stream or other body of water:	Muddy Creek and Wolford Mountain Reservoir

- (3) The exact name, business address, and telephone number of the applicant are:

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- (4) Progress report:

On February 6, 2001, the River District filed an application for a three-year preliminary permit under Section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act to study the proposed Ritschard Dam Project No. 11880-000. On June 25, 2001, the Director of the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission issued a preliminary permit for the project 95 FERC 62,264).

During the first eighteen months of the permit period, the permittee undertook a preliminary feasibility study regarding the project. The feasibility study evaluated power generation, identified potential power markets, and provided conceptual engineering alternatives and feasibility level cost estimates. The analyses indicate that a hydroelectric unit at the Ritschard Dam is potentially feasible from engineering and economic perspectives. The report indicates that the optimal rated turbine capacity of the unit would be approximately 870 kilowatts. Based on 42 years of simulated reservoir operation, the average annual power generation would be 3,700 kilowatt-hours.

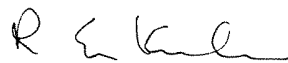
In 2002, the permittee met with State and Federal agencies to describe and discuss the project. The meetings gave the agencies an opportunity to provide early input to the project's planning.

During the past year, the River District circulated a final Communications Protocol and information regarding the FERC Alternative Licensing Process (ALP) to the project's stakeholders. In June of this year the River District requested the Secretary's approval of the ALP for the project. Since that time we have been working with an environmental consultant on project scope and the Initial Information Package (IIP) and waiting for the Commission's response regarding our request to use the ALP.

In the next six months the River District will begin the initial project scoping and the preliminary environmental assessment. We hope to have a response from FERC regarding our ALP request within the next month.

Please contact our project manager, James F. Pearce, at (970) 945-8522, if you require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



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